

# UTAH COUNTY BUSINESS RESOURCES

There are many free and/or low cost resources available to keep your business in tip-top shape before, during, and after roadway construction. These resources were created for busy business owners like you...so what are you waiting for? Go ahead and give some of them a try.

## **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – UTAH DISTRICT ([www.sba.gov/ut](http://www.sba.gov/ut))**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is a federal agency dedicated to providing financial, technical, and management assistance to people starting, running, and growing small businesses. The SBA has created and instituted many free and low-cost programs and services to accomplish this mission, some of which are outlined below:

### *Counseling and Training*

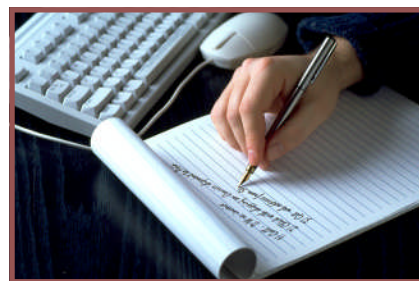
The SBA provides a variety of counseling and training programs to inform and assist small businesses. Programs in your area include:

<b>Provo/Orem Small Business Development Center (SBDC)</b>	The Utah Small Business Development Center (USBDC) aims to lead the way in supporting and educating business owners statewide. In addition, they help with business development through their many offices throughout Utah—including their Provo/Orem location. Their mission statement encompasses includes strengthening Utah's economic fabric and quality of life by facilitating the success and prosperity of business endeavors.	For more information, visit <a href="http://www.utahsbdc.org">www.utahsbdc.org</a> , call (801) 863-8230, or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:sbdcinfo@uvsc.com">sbdcinfo@uvsc.com</a>
<b>E-Business Institute</b>	Virtual campus that provides online training courses, workshops, and knowledge resources designed to assist small business owners.	For more information, visit <a href="http://www.sba.gov/training">www.sba.gov/training</a>

### *Utah Small Business Resource Guide*

Co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State of Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development, and *Utah Business* magazine, the *Utah Small Business Resource Guide* gives a concise and user-friendly overview of the many challenges faced by businesses along with information on how to overcome these challenges and help your business prosper. Topics include:

- ❖ Starting and Operating a Small Business in Utah
- ❖ Choosing a Business Structure
- ❖ Writing a Business Plan
- ❖ Financing Your Business
- ❖ Laws and Regulations
- ❖ Maintaining and/or Expanding Your Business
- ❖ Resources for Utah's Small Businesses
- ❖ Financing Programs
- ❖ Small Business Success Stories



To obtain a copy of the latest resource guide, contact one of the following:

U.S. Small Business Administration – Utah District Office  
801-524-3209

Orem/Provo Small Business Development Center  
801-577-3344



### **CHAMBER UNIVERSITY SERIES**

The “12-Point Program to Business Continuity Planning” is available to help you keep your business on track. The program is provided by the Utah Division of Homeland Security and all workshops are free of charge. For more information, including a detailed schedule, visit [homelandsecurity.utah.gov/business/12pt/index.htm](http://homelandsecurity.utah.gov/business/12pt/index.htm). You may also contact Renee Murphy at [rmurphy@utah.gov](mailto:rmurphy@utah.gov) or by phone at (801) 538-3702 for further information or to reserve a spot in the program. No-Cost workshops provide

information, resources and a guidebook to begin or review your business plan.

### **WOMEN’S BUSINESS NETWORK (BY PROVO/OREM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)**

Business networking luncheons are held at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. All luncheons are held in the Ballroom at the Historic Court House (51 South University Ave, Provo). To get involved, call (801) 851-2560 or e-mail Kelly Smurthwaite, PR Director at: [ksmurthwaite@thechamber.org](mailto:ksmurthwaite@thechamber.org). Please include "WBN" in the subject line.

### **THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ALLIANCE OF PROVO**

The Downtown Business Alliance of Provo focuses on improving and rediscovering Historic Downtown Provo by promoting businesses within alliance boundaries. These boundaries span from 100 South to 400 North and from 300 East to 600 West. For more information, please visit: [www.provodowntown.com](http://www.provodowntown.com).

### **SPRINGVILLE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

The mission of the Springville Downtown Business Alliance is to “create a unique, themed shopping/walking district” in downtown Springville. It seeks out quality businesses and engages them in united marketing campaigns to create a strong, growing economic district. For more information, visit: [www.springvilledowntown.com](http://www.springvilledowntown.com).

### **PLEASANT GROVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance is a city-sponsored organization that aims to assist the Pleasant Grove Business Community through three different methods—business education resources, networking and marketing opportunities, and communication with city leaders. For more information, please visit: [www.pgbusinessalliance.com](http://www.pgbusinessalliance.com)

### **MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) serves Utah, Summit, and Wasatch counties. MAG offers business resources and a program called the Mountainland Economic Development District. To learn more—and utilize MAG resources—call (801) 229-3800, or e-mail the Economic Development Planner at [sbrowne@mountainland.org](mailto:sbrowne@mountainland.org). For more information, visit: [www.mountainland.org](http://www.mountainland.org).

### **RURAL BUSINESS COOPERATIVE SERVICES**

The RBCS is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that assists economic development in rural Utah by providing financial assistance to business projects. For more information, visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut).

### **PROVO CITY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Provo City Office of Economic Development promotes doing business in Provo. Their staff works to meet the needs of businesses in Provo. For more information, please visit: [www.provo.org/econdev.econdev\\_main.html](http://www.provo.org/econdev.econdev_main.html)



### **COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OREM**

The commission for Economic Development in Orem (CEDO) is a non-profit organization working on behalf of Orem businesses. CEDO provides services for funding, plan writing assistance, small business assistance, and more. They aim to support local businesses, help new businesses get started, and attract new businesses to Orem. For more information, contact CEDO Executive Director, Brad Whitaker, at (801) 226-1521 or visit: [www.cedo.org](http://www.cedo.org)

### **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

Chambers of Commerce are located throughout the state to provide information and support for small businesses. Check with your local Chamber of Commerce chapter for membership benefits and fees.

Provo/Orem - Phone: (801) 851-2555, E-mail: [info@thechamber.org](mailto:info@thechamber.org), Web: [thechamber.org](http://thechamber.org)

Spanish Fork - Phone: (801) 798-8352, E-mail: [sfchamber@spanishfork.org](mailto:sfchamber@spanishfork.org), Web: [www.spanishforkchamber.com](http://www.spanishforkchamber.com)

Springville - Phone: (801) 489-4681, E-mail: [president@springvilleareachamber.com](mailto:president@springvilleareachamber.com), Web: [springvilleareachamber.com](http://springvilleareachamber.com)

Lehi - Phone: (801) 766-9657, E-mail: [hmiller@lehiareachamber.org](mailto:hmiller@lehiareachamber.org), Web: [www.lehiareachamber.org](http://www.lehiareachamber.org)

American Fork - Phone: (801) 7565110, E-mail: [chamber@afcity.net](mailto:chamber@afcity.net), Web: [www.afchamber.org](http://www.afchamber.org)

Payson - Phone: (801) 465-2634, E-mail: [carolynb@payson.org](mailto:carolynb@payson.org), Web: [www.payson.org](http://www.payson.org)

### **LOCAL BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

For assistance in financing through difficult times, local banks and other financial institutions may have a loan program that fits your needs. It is important to anticipate your needs early in order to secure appropriate financing when your business needs it most.